

of one of my constituents, Eugene Shea of St. Petersburg, Florida. Now 100 years old, Mr. Shea has been blessed to have lived such a long life and he has not wasted any part of that gift. In his youth, he was a world champion speed skater from his native state of New York. Since moving to St. Petersburg, he has built a successful career as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Commercial. He continues to work there today. Each day, he sits down at his desk with his trusted typewriter and phone. He is known for his hard work and still closes negotiations worth more than a million dollars. We should all celebrate his century of setting such a fine example.

This illustration is important for today as our expectations of a long and fruitful life continue to grow. Mr. Shea, at age 100, demonstrates for us that it is possible to continue contributing to the community long after age 65. Working as a real estate agent, Mr. Shea is often in stressful negotiations. He handles these situations with the strength of his immense experience and hopes to continue to work at his typewriter for years to come. I hope that this might inspire others to believe that they too can continue to live healthy and productive lives.

For the last century, Mr. Shea has led a life of fine character, working hard and contributing to the community in my district. His success and continued work ethic truly represent the best ideals of his profession and are a source of inspiration for all who meet him. Mr. Shea is an exceptional example of Pinellas County, the state of Florida and the United States. I am proud to congratulate Mr. Shea for his quality and achievements which deserve to be recognized by this chamber and the country.

**BETH CHAVERIM'S 30TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD regarding Chanaka. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

At the Shabbat morning service, June 30, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a festive luncheon, the family of Beth Chaverim will joyfully celebrate its 30th anniversary which officially falls on July 2. What a milestone in the history of our young congregation that has endured and even flourished during these three eventful decades of accomplishments!

I, a grateful founding rabbi, shall always remember and cherish the transforming birth of what we affectionately called, "the baby." Much love and tenderness has been bestowed upon the fast-growing "baby," remaining the newest synagogue in the exceptional community of Hampton Roads and the only Reform Jewish temple in Virginia Beach. The congregation's name, "Beth Chaverim," was deliberately chosen to reflect the very essence of what we wanted our

temple to be, an embracing "House of Friends," whose birth would always be justified by trying harder than others to create a loving and accepting Jewish home for those choosing to enter our gates and hearts. Admittedly, we have also learned that we are only human and that the perfect vision of our innocent youth was bound to be challenged by a complex and, at times, trying reality.

It is though beyond doubt that our beloved Beth Chaverim has generated multiple blessings onto its immediate congregational family, the larger Jewish community and the general one with interfaith bonds of historical significance. For our first three years we were kindly hosted by the now Heritage United Methodist Church, followed for ten years (1985-1995) at the most gracious Catholic Church of the Ascension, at that time the only such Jewish-Catholic relationship in the world! While at the church I invited in 1993 Muslims to join in the first Jewish-Muslim joint prayer in Hampton Roads, celebrating the beginning of the Peace Process in the Middle East. Currently Beth Chaverim is home to two African American churches, New Jerusalem Ministries led by Dr. Veronica Coleman and Emmanuel Way of the Cross Church led by Bishop Fred E. Hill. Another giant breakthrough! Peace by Piece by Edmarc Hospice For Children and Jewish Family Service of Tidewater meets here as well, along with Boy Scouts Troop #488 that we sponsor.

I profoundly thank you, founding president Dr. Jerry and Paula Levy, and all members of our Founding Generation, for being such an indispensable part of our noble endeavors and dreams, making possible our sacred work in progress. Your faithful participation has nourished and sustained the miracle called Beth Chaverim, a caring, courageous and creative congregation! Our remarkable Bingo Bunch has made a critical contribution. Our inspiring additions in 2006 of the Marilyn and Marvin Simon Family Sanctuary and the Religious School wing have made a significant difference, allowing us to host the notable Yom Ha'Shoah gathering sponsored by the Holocaust Commission of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater.

How appropriate and symbolic that our first "home-grown" rabbi, Sam Rose, Lora's son, was ordained on June 4th, 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio, at my alma mater, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, from which I was ordained 38 years ago. We are proud of him, his wife Andrea, Lora and the entire family. Rabbi Rose will serve at Temple Beth Israel in Austin, Texas, as of July 1st.

A heartfelt Mazal Tov & Le'Chaim—To life for a great past and even a greater future as we continue to go and grow from strength to strength. My beloved wife Jennifer, soulmate and helpmate, founding rebbitzin, founding president Dr. Jerry and Paula Levy, president Nate and Janet Rubin, immediate past-president Chris and Dr. Jim Ohlstein, along with past-president Dr. Marty and Judi Snyder, join me in offering heartfelt gratitude on truly a grand Simcha celebration of a very special "baby."

**THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
UNITED STATES DECISION ON  
THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF  
THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep disappointment with the recent

United States Supreme Court ruling on June 28, 2012 that upheld the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

The Court's opinion is lengthy and complicated and will require careful evaluation and review. However, we know that the Court affirmed the view that President Obama's law represents a significant tax on the American people, and that it is through the federal government's power to levy taxes that the Court upheld the law as constitutional.

Mr. Speaker, the Court's legal analysis is dubious and cause for concern given the dangerous precedent it sets. Can the government now require Americans to purchase government-approved goods and services or else face the threat of a tax? What we do know, however, is that the Court put restraint on the power of Congress to mandate the purchase of goods and services under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

The Court ruled on the legal issues, not the wisdom of the policy. The American people have already weighed in and overwhelmingly rejected this law. As a whole, the law, which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts will cost \$1.6 trillion and will result in as many as 20 million Americans losing their existing health care coverage, remains deeply unpopular with the public. This is a stark contrast to the President Obama's repeated promise that, "if you like your health care plan, you can keep your health care plan."

The President's law has also proven to be ineffective at reducing the cost of health care, as it is suffocating small businesses with overbearing regulations and hampering job creation in a time of economic uncertainty. Recent estimates indicate that the law will actually cost 800,000 American jobs, not create 400,000 jobs as NANCY PELOSI claimed in 2010.

By law, beginning in 2014, employers with more than 50 employees will be required to offer health insurance coverage or face financial penalties. In addition, an employer plan must cover a specific set of services determined by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and meet actuarial standards laid out in the law. As a result, employers will be forced to choose whether to meet the new insurance requirements, pay noncompliance penalties to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or reduce workers' hours so they do not qualify as full-time. I have heard from several small business owners in my home state of Alabama, and across the United States, that will have financial struggles no matter which decision they chose. How can a business owner provide health insurance to his employees if his business is bankrupt?

We can all agree that the Court's preservation of PPACA's employer health insurance mandate is costly, to both employers and to their employees. Rising costs will force employers to consider dropping health coverage